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- 1. DESPITE STRONG GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION THAT LORENZ NOW CONTROLS SCHWAHN KG, OFFICIAL REGISTRATION DATA AVAILABLE TO US AND TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES DO NOT ESTABLISH THE SUSPICION AS A FACT.
- 2. SCHWAHN KG WAS SOLD, EFFECTIVE JULY 1 ACCORDING TO MC VEY, TO CSB COMPUTER SERVICE SOFTWARE BERATUNG GMBH OF REUT-LINGEN. NEW OWNERSHIP RECORDED IN COMMERCIAL REGISTRY IN MIDAUGUST.
- 3. CSB WAS REGISTERED ON FEBRUARY 20,1973, CAPITALIZED AT DM 20,000. DR. RUDOLF BUEHLER OF STUTTGART, A TAX ADVISOR, WAS LISTED AS PARTNER AND BUSINESS MANAGER AND THE OWNER OF DM 19,500 OF THE SHARES. WERNER KAUDER INVESTED THE DM 500 BALANCE. IN MARCH THE REGISTRATION WAS AMENDED TO SHOW KLAUS POLITZ OF REUTLINGEN AS BUSINESS MANAGER INSTEAD OF BUEHLER, AND POLITZ IS NOW ALSO LISTED AS BUSINESS MANAGER OF SCHWAHN KG. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, FILTER (THE LORENZ OFFICE MANAGER

IN STUTTGART) TOLD IS ON AUGUST 13, DIRECTLY AND CATEGORICALLY, THAT LORENZ DID NOT CONTROL OR HAVE ANY BEHIND-THE-SCENES OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHWAHN BUSINESS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HERR SCHENK, STUTTGART CUSTOMS INVESTIGATOR, BELIEVES CSB, AND THUS SCHWAHN KG, ARE PART OF THE SHADOWY LORENZ NETWORK. IN ADDITION TO TIMING OF CSB ESTABLISHMENT, LOW CAPITALIZATION, AND SUDDEN PURCHASE OF SCHWAHN KG., SCHENK REPORTS THAT DR. BUEHLER, AN EMPLOYEE OF AN AUDITING FIRM, MOONLIGHTS AS LORENZ'S TAX CONSULTANT. SCHENK WAS ALSO TOLD BY SCHMIDT OF TELEX IN FRANKFURT THAT LORENZ HAD ASSURED SCHMIDT THAT HE (LORENZ) COULD PERSONALLY SIGN CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF SCHWAHN KG.

5. IF LORENZ IS IN FACT SILENT PARTNER OR OWNER OF CSB AND NOW SCHWAHN KG, OFFICIAL RECORDS ARE UNLIKELY TO EVER SHOW IT. SCHENK AWARE OF USG INTEREST IN DOCUMENTING POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP AND WILL FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OR LEADS UNCOVERED. RUCHTI

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